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### IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MORGAN COUNTY ALABAMA EIGHTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT

and personal representative of the Estate of TIMOTHY EUGENE ADAMS II, deceased;	) ) )
Plaintiff,	, )
v.	
3M COMPANY, INC.; TORAY FLUOROFIBERS (AMERICA), INC.; DAIKIN AMERICA, INC.; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS A, B, and C, intending to refer to the entities described herein as	) ) ) )
"3M;" FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS D, E,	
and F, intending to refer to the entities described herein as "Toray;" FICTITIOUS	
<b>DEFENDANTS G, H, and I</b> , intending to	
refer to the entities described herein as	Case No.
"Dyneon;" FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS	
J, K, and L, intending to refer to the	
successors to Dyneon, LLC; FICTITIOUS	) JURY TRIAL DEMANDED
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refer to the entities described herein as	)
"Daikin;" FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS P,	)
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individuals or entities that produced PFOA	
or PFOS; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS S,	
T, and U, intending to refer to the	
individuals or entities that negligently or	
wantonly disposed of PFOA or PFOS;	)
FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS V, W, and	)
X, intending to refer to the individuals or	)
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<b>DEFENDANTS Y, Z, and AA</b> , intending to	)
refer to the individuals or entities that	) }
negligently or wantonly transported PFOA or	
PFOS; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS BB,	)
CC, and DD, intending to refer to the	
individuals or entities that negligently or	
wantonly handled PFOA or PFOS;	
FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS EE, FF,	
and GG, intending to refer to the individuals	

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or entities who allowed PFOA or PFOS to	)
contaminate ground or surface water in	)
Alabama counties that border the Tennessee	)
River; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS HH,	)
II, and JJ, intending to refer to the	)
individuals who worked for 3M whose	)
negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or	)
PFOS to contaminate ground or surface	)
water; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS KK,	)
LL, and MM, intending to refer to the	)
individuals who worked for Daikin whose	)
negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or	)
PFOS to contaminate ground or surface	)
water; FICTITIOUS DEFENDANTS NN,	)
OO, and PP, intending to refer to the	)
individuals who worked for Toray whose	)
negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or	)
PFOS to contaminate ground or surface	)
water. Plaintiff avers that the identities of the	)
Fictitious Defendants are unknown at this	)
time but will be added by amendment or	)
substitution when ascertained,	)
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### Defendants.

### **COMPLAINT**

Kim Rutherford, as administrator and personal representative of the Estate of Timothy Eugene Adams II ("Plaintiff") brings this Complaint as an individual plaintiff. Plaintiff sues 3M Company, Inc., Daikin America, Inc., Toray Fluorofibers (America), Inc., and various fictitious party defendants (collectively "Defendants"), and allege upon information and belief as follows:

### INTRODUCTION

- 1. 3M, Daikin, and Toray operate manufacturing facilities located on the Tennessee River in Decatur, Alabama. For decades, these facilities have discharged toxic PFAS chemicals, including PFOA and PFOS, into the Tennessee River and the surrounding environment.
- 2. PFAS chemicals are highly toxic and carcinogenic chemicals. When humans ingest PFAS chemicals, including PFOA and PFOS, these chemicals bind to proteins in the blood and

are readily absorbed and distributed throughout the body. These toxic chemicals remain and persist in the body for long periods of time. They accumulate over time and cause long-term, physiologic

alterations to the blood, liver, kidneys, immune systems, and other organs.

- 3. Exposure to PFOA, PFOS, and related PFAS chemicals causes many diseases including, among others, kidney cancer, testicular cancer, liver cancer, testicular tumors, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, bladder cancer, breast cancer, ulcerative colitis, thyroid disease, and infertility.
- 4. Since the 1970s, 3M has known that PFAS chemicals accumulate in the human body and are potentially toxic to human health. But 3M did nothing to limit the release of these chemicals into the environment in Decatur. Instead, 3M told the public that PFOS was not a threat to human health or the environment.
- 5. Similarly, Toray and Daikin knew for years about the risks PFAS poses to human health. Toray and Daikin continued to release PFOA into the environment anyway.
- 6. The EPA recently declared that PFOA and PFOS are likely carcinogens and published a lifetime health advisory level for PFOA and PFAS that is below the level where PFOS or PFOA can be detected in water. The EPA has also proposed setting a maximum containment level for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water of 4.0 parts per trillion (ppt). The EPA stated that it anticipated that implementation of that standard would prevent "tens of thousands" of illnesses and deaths.
- 7. Much of the PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals discharged by the Defendants ended up in the Tennessee River and in Plaintiff's drinking water. Historically this water has had concentrations of PFOA and PFOS that far exceed 4.0 ppt.
  - 8. Timothy Eugene Adams II unknowingly ingested water contaminated with

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dangerous levels of the PFAS chemicals released by Defendants.

9. As a result, he contracted disease caused by their exposure to PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals.

10. This action seeks damages and other relief from the Defendants for the injuries caused by their negligent, willful, and wanton conduct.<sup>1</sup>

#### **PARTIES**

11. Plaintiff Kim Rutherford, as administrator and personal representative of the estate of Timothy Eugene Adams II, is a citizen of Alabama and resident of Morgan County, Alabama. Timothy Eugene Adams II ("Mr. Adams") was a citizen and resident of Alabama at the time of his death.

- 12. Mr. Adams was diagnosed with testicular cancer as a result of his exposure to the PFAS chemicals released into the environment by Defendants. Mr. Adams died from testicular cancer.<sup>2</sup>
- 13. Defendant 3M Company, Inc. ("3M") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in Minnesota. Its agent for service of process is Corporation Service Company, Inc., 641 South Lawrence Street, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.
- 14. Defendant Toray Fluorofibers (America), Inc. ("Toray"), f/k/a Toray Advanced Fibers (America), Inc., is an Alabama corporation with its principal place of business in Morgan County, Alabama. Its agent for service of process is M. Edward Jamieson, 2032 Highway 20, Decatur, Alabama 35601.

Plaintiff does not contend that Mr. Adams suffered any damages arising from or associated with aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) manufacture, use, and/or disposal. Plaintiff expressly disclaims any damages arising from or associated with AFFF manufacture, use, and/or disposal by any of the named defendants or any other entities.

Rutherford's sole claim is one for wrongful death.

- 15. Defendant Daikin America, Inc. ("Daikin") is a Delaware corporation with its principal place of business in New York. Its agent for service of process is CT Corporation System, 2 North Jackson Street, Suite 605, Montgomery, Alabama 36104.
- 16. Fictitious Defendants A, B, and C, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "3M."
- 17. Fictitious Defendants D, E, and F, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "Toray."
- 18. Fictitious Defendants G, H, and I, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "Dyneon."
- 19. Fictitious Defendants J, K, and L, whose identities are not currently known, are the successors to Dyneon, LLC.
- 20. Fictitious Defendants M, N, and O, whose identities are not currently known, are the entities described herein as "Daikin."
- 21. Fictitious Defendants P, Q, and R, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that produced PFOA or PFOS.
- 22. Fictitious Defendants S, T, and U, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly disposed of PFOA or PFOS.
- 23. Fictitious Defendants V, W, and X, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly stored PFOA or PFOS.
- 24. Fictitious Defendants Y, Z, and AA, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly transported PFOA or PFOS.
- 25. Fictitious Defendants BB, CC, and DD, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities that negligently or wantonly handled PFOA or PFOS.

- 26. Fictitious Defendants EE, FF, and GG, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals or entities who allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water in Alabama counties that border the Tennessee River.
- 27. Fictitious Defendants HH, II, and JJ, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals who worked for 3M whose negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water.
- 28. Fictitious Defendants KK, LL, and MM, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals who worked for Daikin whose negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water.
- 29. Fictitious Defendants NN, OO, and PP, whose identities are not currently known, are individuals who worked for Toray whose negligence or wantonness allowed PFOA or PFOS to contaminate ground or surface water.
- 30. All named and fictitious defendants are referred to collectively herein as "Defendants."

### **JURISDICTION AND VENUE**

- 31. This civil action is within the subject matter jurisdiction of this Court because the amount in controversy exceeds \$20,000. *See* Ala. Code § 12-11-30(1). All claims asserted herein arise under state law; Plaintiff is not asserting any federal cause of action.
- 32. This Court has personal jurisdiction over the named defendants. Toray is an Alabama corporation and is thus subject to general personal jurisdiction in Alabama. 3M, Toray, and Daikin committed in Alabama the tortious acts described herein. Mr. Adams was exposed in Alabama to PFAS chemicals including PFOA and PFOS that originated from 3M, Toray, and Daikin's facilities in Alabama.

33. Venue is proper in this Court. This action arises out of acts or omissions that occurred in Morgan County.

### **FACTS**

### PFOA and PFOS are fully fluorinated organic compounds.

- 34. Per- and polyfluoralkyl substances (PFAS) are a class of chemicals that contain carbon-fluorine bonds and that repel oil and water, have a low coefficient of friction, and have a high temperature resistance. Because of those qualities, PFAS has been used in a variety of products, such as non-stick cookware, Scotchgard, bushings and bearings, and Gore-Tex.
- 35. The PFAS family of chemicals are entirely human made and do not naturally occur or otherwise exist.
- 36. PFAS include, but are not limited to, perfluorooctanoic acid ("PFOA"), perfluorooctane sulfonic acid ("PFOS"), and related chemicals, including those that degrade to PFOA and/or PFOS.
- 37. Two of the most prominent types of PFAS are PFOA and PFOS. PFOA (perfluorooctanoic acid [C<sub>8</sub>HF<sub>15</sub>O<sub>2</sub>]) is a fully fluorinated, eight-carbon chain carboxylic acid. PFOS (perfluorooctane sulfonic acid [C<sub>8</sub>F<sub>17</sub>SO<sub>3</sub>H]) is a fully fluorinated, eight chain sulfonic acid. Sometimes PFOA and PFOS are called C8 chemicals.
- 38. PFOA and PFOS have been used in a variety of consumer and industrial products—from Scotchgard, to protective apparel, to bearings and bushings—due to their ability to repel water and their resistance to degradation.

### PFOA and PFOS are not biodegradable and bioaccumulate.

39. Carbon-fluorine bonds are among the strongest bonds in organic chemistry. The strength of those chemical bonds enables fully fluorinated hydrocarbons such as PFOA and PFOS

to withstand high temperatures and resist degradation from acids, alkalis, oxidizing agents, and photolysis.

- But that resistance to degradation means that PFAS substances like PFOA and 40. PFOS will persist in the environment and can accumulate in the tissue of animals and humans.
- 41. PFAS, such as PFOA and PFOS, are pollutants under the Alabama Water Pollution Control Act, Ala. Code § 22-22-1, et seq., and the Alabama Air Pollution Control Act, Ala. Code  $\S$  22-28-1, et seq.<sup>3</sup>

3M produced PFOA and PFOS in Decatur, and Toray and Daikin similarly used PFOA in Decatur.

- 42. 3M was the sole producer of PFOS in the United States.
- 43. 3M has operated a chemical plant in Decatur, Alabama, since 1961 where it has produced Scotchgard, among other products.
- 44. 3M's Decatur plant produced perfluorooctanesulfonyl fluoride, a chemical that degrades to or metabolizes to PFOS.
  - 45. PFOA is a byproduct of perfluorooctanesulfonyl fluoride production.
  - 46. 3M also began manufacturing PFOA at its Decatur plant in 1998.
- 47. Dyneon, LLC, a 3M subsidiary, produced PFAS at the site of 3M's Decatur plant beginning in the late 1990s.
- 48. Dyneon, LLC has since merged into 3M and continues to operate within 3M's Advanced Materials Division.
- 49. 3M was not the only source of PFOA in the Decatur area. Toray operates a plant in Decatur where, for years, it used PFOA in manufacturing products such as oil- and water-repellant

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> See In the Matter of 3M Company, Inc., Ala. Dep't of Envtl. Mgmt., Consent Order No. 20-086-CWP/AP/GW/HW/DW/SW ¶ 8 (July 24, 2020).

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textiles.

50. Daikin also operates a plant in Decatur where it manufactured PFOA and further

manufactured other products that used PFOA as a raw material.

3M has long known that PFAS contaminates the environment and causes disease yet hid

that information from the public for years.

51. 3M has known for decades that PFOA and PFOS are hazardous and can accumulate

in water supplies.

52. 3M has also long known that fluorochemicals like PFAS can accumulate in the

blood of those who are exposed to those chemicals. In 1976, 3M observed that "Decatur personnel

exposed to fluorochemicals have up to 300 times 'normal' levels of organically bound fluorine in

their blood."

53. 3M has known that PFOA, PFOS, and related chemicals are toxic since at least the

1970s. For instance, a 1979 3M study of the effects of fluorochemical compounds on Rhesus

monkeys was terminated after 20 days because all of the monkeys, at all dosage levels, died as a

result of exposure to fluorochemicals. It was not until 21 years later, in March 2000, that 3M told

the public that a "new study" of the effects of these compounds on Rhesus monkeys is part of the

reason 3M pulled one of its consumer products, Scotchgard, off the market. In 1983, a team of 3M

toxicologists recommended broad testing regarding the effects of 3M's fluorochemicals on the

environment and human beings.

54. In 1983, 3M acknowledged in an internal report that "[i]n the case of

fluorochemicals, structural considerations and test results to date give rise to concern for

environmental safety" and "give rise to questions about the persistence, accumulation potential,

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and ecotoxicity of fluorochemicals in the environment."4

55. In the 1990s, 3M's manager of corporate toxicology said that 3M should replace

"PFOS-based chemistry as these compounds [are] VERY persistent and thus insidiously toxic."<sup>5</sup>

56. By the late 1990s, 3M performed additional testing that indicated that PFOA caused

testicular, liver, and pancreatic cancer in rats.

57. Despite knowing that PFAS substances are not biodegradable, 3M publicly stated

otherwise. Acknowledging that misrepresentation, a 3M employee wrote in internal memo in 1988

that "I don't think it is in 3M's long-term interest to perpetuate the myth that these fluorochemical

surfactants are biodegradable. . . . "

Between the 1970s and 1990s, 3M conducted over 1,000 studies on the potential 58.

properties and effects of PFOS, PFOA, and related products on human health and the environment

that it was required to disclose to the EPA under the Toxic Substances Control Act. 3M, however,

only provided the EPA 84 of those studies prior to 1998. The EPA fined 3M \$1.5 million for failing

to timely disclose those studies.

Toray and Daikin knew or should have known of the dangers that PFOA presents.

59. Toray and Daikin similarly knew, or should have known, of the dangers that PFOA

presents.

60. As early as 2003, Daikin was a member of a Fluoropolymer Manufacturers Group

working with the EPA on its concerns related to PFOA.

61. Toray and Daikin knew, or should have known, that substances such as PFOA, that

contain fluorine-carbon bonds resist degradation.

<sup>4</sup> https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1282.pdf

<sup>5</sup> https://minnesotareformer.com/2022/12/15/toxic-3m-knew-its-chemicals-were-harmful-

decades-ago-but-didnt-tell-the-public-government/

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- 62. Published research studies that were available to Toray and Daikin noted a relationship between illnesses such as prostate, bladder, and kidney cancer and PFOA exposure. See, e.g., Christopher Lau, et al., "Perfluoroakkyl Acids: A Review of Monitoring and Toxicological Findings," 99 Toxicological Studies 366 (2007).
- The EPA, concerned about the dangers of PFOA, further announced a PFOA 63. stewardship program in 2006 which aimed to phase out the use of PFOA.
- 64. Yet Toray and Daikin continued to use (and, in the case of Daikin, manufacture) PFOA in Decatur, even after publication of those studies and after the announcement of EPA's efforts to end PFOA use.

### PFOA and PFOS exposure is linked to several types of cancer and other illnesses.

- As the Defendants have long known, PFAS chemicals are associated with a wide 65. variety of adverse health effects in humans.
- 66. Exposure to PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals has been linked to serious medical conditions including, but not limited to, kidney cancer, testicular cancer, liver cancer, testicular tumors, pancreatic cancer, prostate cancer, breast cancer, leukemia, lymphoma, bladder cancer, thyroid disease, ulcerative colitis, and infertility.
- 67. The C8 Science Panel investigated the health effects of PFOA exposure on individuals living near a West Virginia plant. In one of the largest domestic epidemiological studies ever, the Science Panel collected blood samples and medical records from 69,000 participants. The Science Panel found probable links between PFOA exposure and several illnesses, including kidney cancer, testicular cancer, thyroid disease, and ulcerative colitis.<sup>6</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> See In re E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Co. C-8 Personal Injury Litig., 54 F. 4th 912 (6th Cir. 2022).

- 68. A mortality study of workers at a DuPont plant that produced PFOA found that kidney cancer mortality was nearly doubled when compared to other DuPont workers in the region.
- 69. The American Cancer Society notes that studies have suggested that exposure to PFOA is associated with liver, testicular, breast, prostate, bladder, and pancreatic cancer.<sup>7</sup>
- 70. The EPA has further noted the PFOA and PFOS exposure may cause certain diseases:

[S]tudies indicate that exposure to PFOA and PFOS over certain levels may result in adverse health effects, including developmental effects to fetuses during pregnancy or to breastfed infants (e.g. low birth weight, accelerated puberty, skeletal variations), cancer (e.g., testicular, kidney), liver effects (e.g., tissue damage), immune effects (e.g. antibody production and immunity), thyroid effects and other effects (e.g., cholesterol changes).<sup>8</sup>

- 71. In 2023, the EPA concluded that "the evidence supporting the carcinogenicity of PFOA has been strengthened by additional published studies" and cited multiple studies associating PFOA exposure with kidney and testicular cancer. The EPA further concluded that "[t]he available epidemiology studies reported elevated risk of bladder, prostate, kidney, and breast cancers after chronic PFOS exposure." <sup>10</sup>
- 72. The EPA further declared in 2023 that it "has determined that PFOA and PFOS are likely to cause cancer (e.g. kidney and liver cancer) and that there is no dose below which either chemical is considered safe."<sup>11</sup>
  - 73. The World Health Organization's International Agency for Research on Cancer

 $<sup>^7\ \</sup>rm https://www.cancer.org/cancer/risk-prevention/chemicals/teflon-and-perfluorooctanoic-acid-pfoa.html$ 

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> EPA Fact Sheet – PFOA & PFOS Drinking Water Health Advisories, https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-06/documents/drinkingwaterhealthadvisories pfoa pfos updated 5.31.16.pdf

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> See 88 FR 18656.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> *Id.* at 18660.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> *Id.* at 18639.

recently determined that PFOA is carcinogenic to humans.

PFOA and PFOS can enter water supplies.

74. Toxic PFAS chemicals can enter water, including groundwater, after being released

from industrial facilities that use or produce PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals. PFOA,

PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals can also leach into groundwater from sites where those

chemicals were disposed.

75. PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals are not removed from municipal water

supplies through conventional water filtration and purification methods.

76. Individuals can absorb PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals from drinking

water contaminated with those substances.

77. The EPA has determined that drinking water can be a source of exposure to PFOA

and PFOS in communities where PFOA and PFOS have contaminated water supplies. 12

The 3M, Toray, and Daikin plants contaminated water supplies in North Alabama.

78. The EPA has identified the 3M, Toray, and Daikin plants as sources of PFAS found

in North Alabama's water supply.

79. 3M understood that wastewater from its Decatur plant contained PFAS. In the

1970s, 3M found fluorochemicals in bluegill fish exposed to effluent discharged into the

Tennessee River from the Decatur plant. 3M conducted tests in 1980 that showed that wastewater

from its Decatur plant was contaminated with fluorine-containing organics. <sup>13</sup> Years later, 3M, in

an e-mail with the subject line "Accumulation and Disposal of Waste Water at Decatur," wrote

that "we must begin to capture and incinerate the waste water process streams containing residuals

12 https://www.epa.gov/sites/default/files/2016-

06/documents/drinkingwaterhealthadvisories pfoa pfos updated 5.31.16.pdf

<sup>13</sup> https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1233.pdf

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as soon as possible."14

80. In a 1983 report, 3M acknowledged that "fluorochemicals entering the Tennessee

River in wastewater effluent were present at 10.9 ppm organic fluorine." <sup>15</sup>

81. 3M's Decatur plant continues to release PFOS into the Tennessee River. 16

82. 3M also disposed of PFOS and PFOA at various dump sites in the Decatur area.

Leachate from those dump sites has contaminated, and continues to contaminate, groundwater with

PFOA and PFOS.

Waste generated by the Toray and Daikin plants have further contaminated water 83.

supplies with PFOA.

84. It was reasonably foreseeable to Defendants that PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS

chemicals would enter water supplies in North Alabama. The Tennessee River and its tributaries

and groundwater, which were all contaminated with PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals

from the release of wastewater and the dumping of PFOA and PFOS-contaminated waste, supply

drinking water for many North Alabama residents.

85. PFOS and PFOA originating from the 3M, Toray, and Daikin plants continue to

contaminate the ground and surface water that supplies drinking water for many residents in North

Alabama.

86. Tests in recent years have shown high levels of PFOA and PFOS in North Alabama

water supplies. The West Morgan-East Lawrence Water Authority, for instance, has found its

water to have PFOA levels of 100 ppt and PFOS levels of 190 ppt—levels dozens of times higher

than the 4.0 ppt maximum recently proposed by the EPA. Groundwater, which feeds wells and

14 https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX2721.pdf

15 https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1284.pdf

<sup>16</sup> https://apnews.com/4bc3068097e34694b1bf5d48ad9a9b52

springs, is also contaminated with PFOA and PFOS.

The EPA has sought to reduce PFOA and PFOS production.

87. In 2000, the EPA declared "that continued manufacture and use of PFOS represents

an unacceptable technology that should be eliminated to protect human health and the environment

from potentially severe long-term consequences."<sup>17</sup>

88. In 2023, the EPA, after further investigating the health effects of PFOA and PFOS

and declaring both chemicals to be likely carcinogens, proposed setting an enforceable maximum

containment level for PFOA and PFOS in drinking water at 4.0 ppt. <sup>18</sup>

89. The EPA anticipates that implementation of a maximum containment level of 4.0

ppt will "reduce tens of thousands of PFAS-attributable illnesses or deaths." <sup>19</sup>

Mr. Adams developed cancer as a result of his exposure to PFAS chemicals.

90. Mr. Adams lived in North Alabama for decades. Unbeknownst to him, his drinking

water contained high levels of PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals that originated from the

3M, Toray, and Daikin plants.

91. Mr. Adams ingested PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals when he consumed

contaminated water, and PFOA, PFOS, and other PFAS chemicals accumulated in his body.

92. Mr. Adams was diagnosed with testicular cancer.

93. Mr. Adams' illness was caused by consumption of water containing PFOA, PFOS,

and other PFAS chemicals that originated from the 3M, Daikin, and Toray plants in Decatur.

94. Mr. Adams died from testicular cancer.

<sup>17</sup> https://www.ag.state.mn.us/Office/Cases/3M/docs/PTX/PTX1691.pdf

<sup>18</sup> See 88 FR 18641.

<sup>19</sup> https://www.epa.gov/system/files/documents/2023-

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95. Plaintiff is not claiming injury arising from or associated with aqueous film forming foam (AFFF) manufacture, use, and/or disposal.

## **COUNT I – WRONGFUL DEATH** (against all Defendants, including fictitiously described Defendants)

- 96. The allegations above are incorporated herein by reference.
- 97. Defendants committed the negligent or wanton acts and omissions described above that caused the drinking water in North Alabama to become contaminated with PFAS chemicals.
- 98. Mr. Adams, now deceased, consumed water that was contaminated with dangerous levels of PFAS chemicals as a result of the Defendants' negligent or wanton acts and omissions. Because Mr. Adams was exposed to toxic levels of PFAS chemicals, he developed, and subsequently died from testicular cancer.
- 99. Defendants' negligent or wanton acts and omissions proximately caused Mr. Adams's death.
  - 100. Defendants are liable for the wrongful death of Mr. Adams.
- 101. Kim Rutherford is personal representative of the Estate of Mr. Adams. She seeks punitive damages for the wrongful death of Mr. Adams. See Ala. Code. § 6-5-410.
- 102. Plaintiff reiterates that she is not seeking to recover through this Complaint any relief for contamination or injury related to AFFF or AFFF products.

### PRAYER FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE Plaintiff seeks judgment against Defendants (including fictitiously described Defendants) for punitive damages, the only damages available for wrongful death under Alabama law, as well as costs and attorneys' fees to the extent that such fees may be recovered under applicable law.

#### PLAINTIFF DEMANDS A JURY TRIAL ON ALL ISSUES SO TRIABLE.

September 6, 2024

/s/ Jason W. Earley
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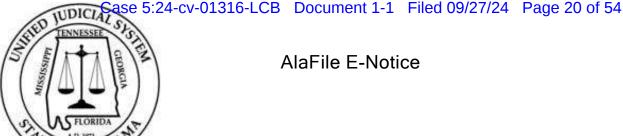
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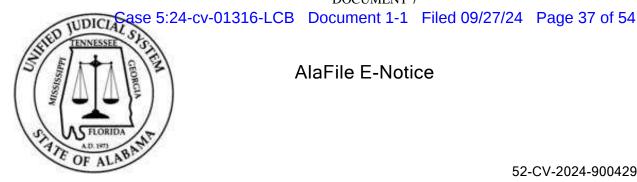
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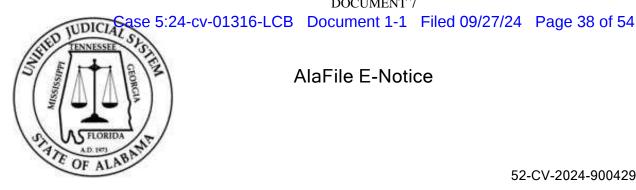
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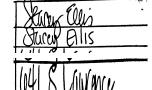
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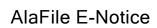


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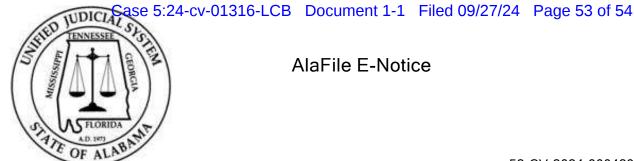
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